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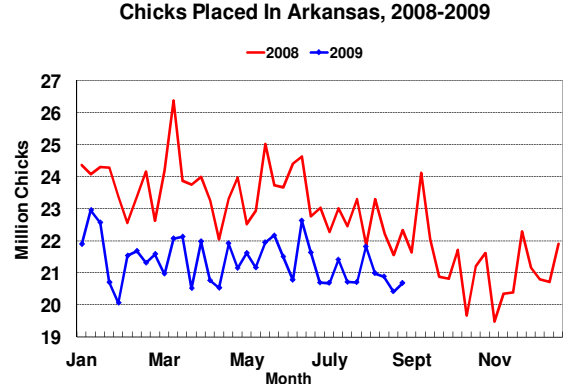
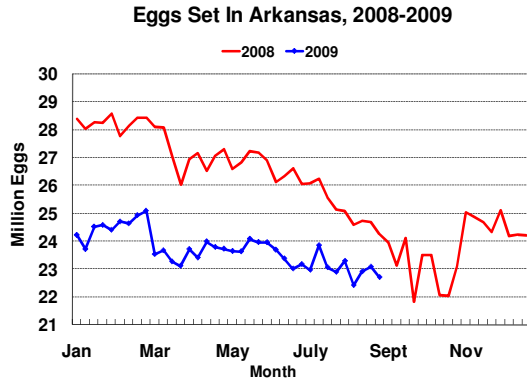


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.7 million during the week ending September 5, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 22.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 5, 2009, down 6 percent from the same period last year and down 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, August 8, 2009 - September 5, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	8-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug	29-Aug	5-Sep	8-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug	29-Aug	5-Sep
<i>Thousand</i>										
Alabama	27,532	28,492 *	27,755	28,722 *	27,662	20,988	20,248	20,234 *	20,290 *	20,875
Arkansas	23,295	22,428 *	22,920	23,093	22,715	21,833	20,998	20,895	20,425	20,690
Delaware	3,659	3,788	3,745	3,365	3,478	4,591	4,876	4,696	4,448 *	4,066
Florida	915	885	885	899	901	743	724	727	729	650
Georgia	31,309	31,811 *	31,587	31,708	31,475	26,391	26,252	26,504	25,202	26,953
Kentucky	7,649	7,640 *	7,664	7,534	7,001	6,341	6,190	6,457	6,487	6,657
Louisiana	3,455	3,455	3,455	3,424	3,409	2,914	2,955	3,003	3,020	3,016
Maryland	8,964	8,956	8,957	8,854	8,132	6,242	5,869	6,277	6,661 *	6,249
Mississippi	18,451	18,095	18,218	17,833 *	17,526	16,183	16,360	16,218	16,298	16,113
N. Carolina	18,425	18,719 *	18,500	18,235	17,828	15,586	15,017	15,684	14,996	15,434
Oklahoma	6,422	6,763 *	6,959	6,817	6,878	4,095	4,163	4,499	4,953	4,282
Pennsylvania	3,884	3,680 *	3,709 *	4,025 *	4,369	3,424	3,205 *	3,207 *	3,045 *	2,955
S. Carolina	5,839	5,815	5,758	5,533	5,274	4,661	4,926	4,827	5,130	4,994
Texas	15,141 *	15,398 *	14,832 *	14,836 *	14,157	13,223 *	13,175 *	13,125 *	12,890 *	13,094
Virginia	6,149	6,154	6,089	6,100	6,111	4,878	5,171	4,789	4,721	5,552
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,671	18,560	18,770 *	18,384 *	18,526	17,300	17,051	15,267	16,381 *	15,311
19 State Total	199,760 *	200,639 *	199,803 *	199,362 *	195,442	169,393 *	167,180 *	166,409 *	165,676 *	166,891
Prev. Year Total	207,161	207,095	206,837	204,988	201,630	173,001	172,779	170,273	170,083	170,363
% of Prev. Year	96	97	97	97	97	98	97	98	97	98

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 5, 2009. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 5, 2009. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through September 5, 2009 were 6.05 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.